

**Amendments to the specification:**

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in PCT/EP 2005/0053851, filed on August 4, 2005 and DE 102004047469.9, filed September 30, 2004. This German Patent Application, whose subject matter is incorporated here by reference, provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d).

On page 1, before line 4, please insert the following heading:

Background of the Invention

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The present invention relates to a drilling tool ~~according to the definition of the species in Claim 1.~~

On page 1, please delete the paragraph contained in lines 14-16 in its entirety.

On page 1, before line 17, please insert the following heading:

Summary of the Invention

On page 3, before line 1, please insert the following heading:

Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 3, please amend the paragraph contained in lines 5-6 as follows:

Figures 2a through ~~2e~~ 2e show different views of the cutting plate of the drilling tool shown in Figures 1a through 1c;

On page 3, before line 13, please insert the following heading:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments